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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: 82ND PLENARY MEETING, 3/16/76

TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 134

REF: MOSCOW 3947

1. SUMMARY: LOCAL SEISMIC NET, NUMBER OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL AND PHOTOGRAPHY WERE DISCUSSED. NO PROGRESS ON FIRST TWO, BUT APPARENTLY SOME ON LAST ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

2. LOCAL SEISMIC NET (LSN). FOLLOWING US OPENING STATEMENT REPORTED REFTEL, MOROKHOV COMPLAINED THAT IT FOCUSED ON DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US AND SOVIET POSITIONS AND REITERATED SOVIET VIEW THAT AGGREGATE YIELD LIMIT NOT REALLY NECESSARY WITH PROPER SLIFER PLACEMENT BUT THAT TRIGGER FOR LSN COULD BE 700 KT IF 2 MT LIMIT ALLOWED. STOESSEL DREW ATTENTION TO DIFFERENCES IN US AND SOVIET TEXTS REGARDING EMPLACEMENT, INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF EQUIPMENT SAYING SOVIET PROVISION FOR DESIGNATED PERSONNEL TO PERFORM THESE FUNCTIONS "TOGETHER WITH" HOST PARTY REPRESENTATIVES COULD LEAD TO AMBIGUITIES AND DIFFICULTIES IN ACTUAL PRACTICE, AND REPRESENTS PROBLEMS IN EQUIPMENT AREA SIMILAR TO EXAMINATION AND RETENTION.

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3. MOROKHOV SAID US TEXT LEFT OPEN POSSIBILITY THAT

DESIGNATED PERSONNEL WOULD PERFORM SUCH FUNCTIONS  
"WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OR PARTICIPATION" OF HOST PARTY,  
WHICH UNACCEPTABLE. STOESEL STRESSED THAT ALL OPERATIONS  
WOULD BE CONDUCTED WITH KNOWLEDGE OF HOST PARTY  
AND THAT US TEXT PROVIDED FOR HOST PARTY PRESENCE.

4. FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN DEFINITION OF WORD  
"PARTICIPATION" LED TO MOROKHOV EXPLANATION THAT HOST  
PARTY WOULD DESIGNATE ITS OWN PERSONNEL TO SERVE AS  
"INTEGRAL" PART OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL TEAM. MOROKHOV  
CONTENDED THAT THIS WAS NECESSARY IN ORDER FOR HOST  
PARTY TO ASSURE ITSELF THAT UNWARRANTED INFORMATION NOT  
OBTAINED AND SAID SOVIETS HAD BEEN PUT "ON THEIR GUARD"  
BY REVERSAL OF US POSITION ON POST-SHOT EQUIPMENT RETENTION.

5. NUMBER OF OBSERVERS. MOROKHOV INTRODUCED SUBJECT  
SAYING THAT WHILE SOVIETS ACCEPTED PRINCIPLE OF DIFFER-  
ENTIATION PUT FORWARD BY US, THEY REGARDED US FORMULA-  
TION AS "ALGEBRAIC" RATHER THAN BASED ON ACTUAL FUNCTIONS  
OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL. HE QUESTIONED WHY UNDER US  
PROPOSAL SAME NUMBER OF OBSERVERS WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR  
PROJECTS IN YIELD RANGE 100-150 KT AS FOR 150-300 KT  
PROJECTS, WHEN FUNCTIONS IN LATTER CASE WOULD INVOLVE  
YIELD MEASUREMENT AS WELL AS GEOLOGY CONFIRMATION.  
HE SAID NUMBER SHOULD BE A FUNCTION OF ACTUAL TASKS,  
AS WELL AS YIELD AND NUMBER OF EXPLOSIONS, AND THAT  
THUS QUESTIONS OF FUNCTIONS AND EQUIPMENT MUST BE  
RESOLVED BEFORE SOVIET SIDE COULD COME FORTH WITH A  
CONCRETE PROPOSAL. (COMMENT: SOVIET PROPOSAL THAT  
EMPLACEMENT, INSTALLATION AND OPERATION BE DONE  
"TOGETHER" BY TWO PARTIES WOULD HAVE STRONG IMPACT ON  
JUSTIFIABLE NUMBERS OF OBSERVERS. END COMMENT)

6. PHOTOGRAPHY. US HANDED OVER SUGGESTED PROTOCOL  
LANGUAGE PROVIDING FOR PHOTOGRAPHY BY DESIGNATED PERSONNEL  
WITH POLAROID-TYPE CAMERAS IN PRESENCE OF, AND WITH  
COPIES PROVIDED TO, HOST PARTY. MOROKHOV SAID HE WOULD  
STUDY TEXT BUT AT FIRST GLANCE THOUGHT HE COULD ACCEPT  
IT IF IT WAS ALTERED TO PROVIDE THAT PHOTOGRAPHER BY OF  
HOST PARTY. SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO DESIGNATE FULL-TIME  
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PHOTOGRAPHER TO BE AT DISPOSAL OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL, AND  
PHOTOGRAPHER WOULD USE EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY OTHER PARTY (I.E.,  
US) IF US SIDE SO WISHED. STOESEL

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